

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 264607
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-00 ADS-00 /000 R

DRAFTED BY OES:SVNOBLE:HHB
APPROVED BY OES - STEPHEN V. NOBLE
S/S-O:RSTEVEN
-----042166 010137Z /62
R 010115Z DEC 79 ZFF4
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

S E C R E T STATE 264607

NODIS
FOR AMBASSADOR SMITH

E.O. 12065:RDS 10/9/99 (HORNBLOW, MICHAEL) NEA/PAB

TAGS: IAEA, MNUC, PAR, TECH, PK, NG

SUBJECT: EKLUND'S TRIP TO NIGER

FOLLOWING IS REPEAT
QUOTE
P 100111Z OCT 79 ZFF6
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
INFO WHITE HOUSE PRIORITY 2809

SECRET STATE 264607

NODIS

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT).

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 264607

2. EKLUND HAS TOLD US EMBASSY OFFICERS IN VIENNA ABOUT
HIS CONVERSATIONS IN NIGER WITH PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE AND
MINISTER OF MINES MOUNKAILA MAROUNA ON NIGER'S URANIUM
EXPORT POLICY. THE MINISTER EXPLAINED TO IKLUND THAT
SINCE URANIUM IS NIGER'S ONLY SIGNIFICANT EXPORT, THE GON
HAD TO BE FREE TO EXPORT TO WHOMEVER WAS INTERESTED, AND
THIS COULD NOT RPT NOT RESTRICT ITS MARKET BY JOINING THE
NPT. THE MINISTER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GON HAD MADE
THE DECISION TO REQUIRE SAFEGUARDS ON ANY SALES TO NNWS.
EKLUND SAID HE PURSUED THE MATTER BY ASKING WHAT THE GON

WOULD DO IF A NNWS BUYER OFFERED TWICE THE MARKET PRICE FOR URANIUM FREE OF SAFEGUARDS. THE MINISTER RESPONDED THAT THIS BECAME A MORAL ISSUE AND THAT THE GON WOULD MAINTAIN ITS POLICY, BUT THAT NIGER WOULD NEED HELP FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO SUSTAIN SUCH A POSITION. AT EKLUND'S PROMPTING, HE THEN EXPANDED ON THE LATTER POINT BY NOTING THAT NIGER PLANNED TO ESTABLISH A MISSION IN VIENNA, AND WOULD LIKE: (1) A DESIGNATED SEAT ON THE IAEA BOARD, SINCE IT WAS AN IMPORTANT URANIUM PRODUCER AND MORE DESERVING THAN EGYPT; (2) A STAFF POSITION IN THE SECRETARIAT, WHICH EKLUND SAID HE INDICATED COULD BE ARRANGED; (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE AGENCY; AND (4) THE AGENCY'S GOOD OFFICES IN FACILITATING BILATERAL ASSISTANCE.

3. IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE, EKLUND WAS TOLD THAT FOR NOW NIGER WOULD STAY OUT OF THE NPT, BUT THAT GON WOULD REVIEW ITS POSITION AFTER THE REVIEW CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR. PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED GON DECISION TO REQUIRE SAFEGUARDS ON URANIUM TO ANY NNWS.

4. EKLUND SAID HE COULD NOT RPT NOT LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT PAST URANIUM SHIPMENTS TO LIBYA, BUT HE WAS ASSURED
SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 264607

SHIPMENTS HAD CEASED AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT RESUME UNTIL THE SAFEGUARDS ISSUE WAS RESOLVED. HE SAID THE GON CONFIRMED THAT TWO SHIPMENTS OF 50 TONS EACH HAD BEEN MADE TO PAKISTAN. (COMMENT: 100 TONS WAS LATER CONFIRMED BY GRUEMM TO BE THE AMOUNT CARRIED ON THE AGENCY INVENTORY FOR PAKISTAN. HE SAID THIS WAS THE WEIGHT OF THE URANIUM, AND THUS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN THE TONNAGE OF YELLOW CAKE. AMOUNT HAD BEEN VERIFIED ON THE SPOT IN PAKISTAN IN JUNE AND WOULD BE AGAIN IN OCTOBER. END COMMENT.) EKLUND SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE ISSUE OF THE NEGOTIATION OF A LIBYAN SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT IN A DISCUSSION WITH THE LIBYAN AMBASSADOR THIS WEEK. VANCE. END QUOTE

VANCE

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 29 sep 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, URANIUM, EXPORTS, POLICIES, SALES, VISITS, MEETINGS, NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS, CAT-B
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 dec 1979
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1979STATE264607
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: OES:SVNOBLE:HBB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 12065 RDS 10/9/99 (HORNBLOW, MICHAEL) NEA/PAB
Errors: n/a
Expiration:
Film Number: P840150-2009
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1979/newtext/t197912117/baaaffgu.tel
Line Count: 99
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Message ID: d4df8601-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 feb 2006
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 199867
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EKLUND'S TRIP TO NIGER
TAGS: MNUC, PARM, OVIP, TECH, PK, NG, IAEA, (EKLUND, SIGVARD)
To: NEW DELHI
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/d4df8601-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014